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Mr. Lake H. Barrett
Acting Director
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Mgmt.
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I am writing to urge the Secretary of Energy to recommend the further development of the Yucca Mountain site as a permanent geologic repository for radioactive waste.

The extensive scientific investigations and analyses performed by numerous scientific teams during the past decade clearly support the conclusion that Yucca Mountain will meet established site suitability guidelines, including all applicable radiation protection standards. These in-depth scientific studies, which have examined the hydrology, geology, seismology, and many other aspects of the Yucca Mountain site, present a compelling case to move forward with construction of the repository at this location.

U.S. utilities and government research programs urgently need a safe, permanent, and economical method to dispose of their spent nuclear fuel. The Yucca Mountain repository will meet these needs. Please recommend the further development of this site to the President of the United States.

Sincerely,

Sam W. Box
Chairman, President &
Chief Executive Officer